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(TL:VISA-300; 07-30-2001)

RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE PROCEDURES (COSTA RICA, REPUBLIC OF)

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

For posts on-line, a CLASS name check suffices for former residents of San Jose's consular district.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS (COSTA RICA, REPUBLIC OF)

Police Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Unavailable. Costa Rican police certificates may be obtained only through an official request by an interested Costa Rican government office (i.e., Police, Ministry of Justice, etc.). They may therefore now be considered unobtainable for visa purposes.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Unavailable, since Costa Rica does not have an armed force.

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Available. The civil registry of San Jose (Registro Civil) issues certificates of all births in Costa Rica subsequent to January 1, 1888, the date the registry was established. Births prior to that date may be evidenced by a baptismal certificate (Fe de Bautismo) issued by an ecclesiastical authority of the Roman Catholic Church at a cost of approximately C27.00. If a birth subsequent to that date is found not to be recorded in the Civil Registry, it may usually be recorded therein on the basis of a certification from the civil or ecclesiastical authorities of the place of birth.

This certificate, consisting of a full copy of the entry in the registry, is typed on fiscal paper headed by the name and title of the issuing official and bears a revenue stamp. The cost is C27.00 per copy. Also valid is a certified copy of the microfilmed entry in the Civil Registry, as long as the Civil Registrar's official stamp is placed on the back.

Birth records are routinely changed in the case of adoptions to read in the names of the adoptive parents. A birth certificate of an adopted child cannot be distinguished from that of a natural child.

Other Records

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Available from the Civil Registry are the following documents: Marriage Certificates, Death Certificates, Divorce Certificates, Adoption Certificates, Legitimation Certificates, and records regarding "recognition." A fee may be charged for any of these services.

Under Costa Rican law, "recognition" of a natural child, while not constituting legitimation, confers most rights of legitimation, such as name, support, and inheritance. Abbreviated forms of marriage certificates (Constancia de Matrimonio) and death certificates (Constancia de Defuncion) are also available.

Certificates showing that an individual has opted for Costa Rican citizenship and certificates of naturalization (Carta de Naturalizacion) are available from Registro Civil, Seccion de Opciones y Naturalizaciones. There may be a fee for this service. Replacement naturalization certificates cannot be obtained. If it is lost, a certificate will be issued verifying the naturalization. There may be a fee for this service.

VISA ISSUING POST (COSTA RICA, REPUBLIC OF)

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San Jose (E) All Categories
Address: Consular Section
Unit 2501
APO AA 34020

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED (COSTA RICA, REPUBLIC OF)

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All of Costa Rica.